

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2003-22

January 28, 2003

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Proposed Tariff Revision to Change the
Termination Date of Optional Targeted
Service Rates

ORDER APPROVING
RATE SCHEDULES

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF DECISION

By this Order, the Commission approves Central Maine Power Company's (CMP's or the Company's) proposed change to the termination dates of its Easy Hours for Business (Rate B-EHB), Residential Service – Optional Time-of-Use (Rate A-TOU-OPTS), Stable Price Assurance (B-SPA), and Steady Volume Advantage (B-SVA) rate schedules.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

On January 13, 2003, CMP filed with this Commission proposed changes to its Rate B-EHB, Rate A-TOU-OPTS, B-SPA and B-SVA rate schedules. These modified rate schedules extend the termination dates for these programs from March 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005. Pursuant to Attachment 6 of the ARP 2000,¹ rate schedules with terms no more than one year beyond the term of the ARP that provide revenues in excess of the Company's marginal cost floors plus an adder, go into effect automatically 30 days after they are filed. The rate schedules filed by the Company comply with the ARP criteria, with the exception of the B-SVA rate schedule for the SGS class. The prices for the SGS class under rate B-SVA, while above the marginal cost floors, under some scenarios are not greater than the marginal cost floors plus an adder. Therefore, in order to become effective, this rate schedule change requires Commission review and approval.

We have reviewed the changes to the rate schedules and find that, while the revenue loss (relative to retail rates) associated with extending all of these programs is not small (approximately \$1.4 Million per year), it is not large enough to present significant risk to CMP's other customers. Moreover, the revenue loss associated the SGS class under rate B-SVA -- the only program that is not eligible to go into effect automatically -- is substantially less (\$232,400). Therefore, we will allow these rate schedules to go into effect.

¹ ARP 2000 was approved by Commission Order Approving Stipulation dated November 16, 2000 in Docket No. 99-666.

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

That the following rate schedule pages filed by Central Maine Power Company on January 13, 2003 are hereby approved and may become effective as of **March 1, 2003**, as requested by CMP.

Page Numbers	Revision Number	Date Filed
Page 28.10	1 st	January 13, 2003
Page 34.10	3 rd	January 13, 2003
Page 36.00	4 th	January 13, 2003
Page 38.00	5 th	January 13, 2003

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 28th day of January, 2003.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch

Nugent
Diamond

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